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STUDENT AND FACULTY QUESTIONED ON BCC GUARD SITUATION

By SUZANNE GREENBERG

Last week the Communicator followed up on the responses to its B.C.C. guard questionnaire by interviewing President Cohen, Mr. Thomas, Safety and Security officers, and Gerard Lacey, Student Government President.

Mr. Thomas was interviewed in response to the claim that the guards couldn't or weren't allowed to, answer any questions themselves. He said, "You see, I'm sure you can get any information that you would like about the guards, from me . . . I will not have to suffer any consequences. But these guys," Thomas said emphatically "you understand, are not hired by the school. They are employed by Globe Security Systems." Mr. Thomas went on to say that whatever the guards might say could jeopardize their jobs.

It is public knowledge at B.C.C. that the security guards here, earn no more than a measly \$2.00 an hour. Some of these men and women must go home and support families. "I don't think Globe (Security Systems) would be too happy about everybody having that (and other, information) as well, made

public." The B.C.C. Security Officer went on to state that he did not think it would be fair to them to have to voice their feelings on the subject, for they would not really feel free answering the questions.

In response to the question, "If that is the case, I'm sure

that their salaries must contribute to their efficiency or lack of such. Wouldn't you say so?" Mr. Thomas said, "I think the guards do the best they can under the circumstances, however."

At that point, Mr. Thomas proceeded to explain that the present contract with Globe concerning the quality or character of the person hired or sent by Globe to secure the safety of the school. "At present the school (Mr. Thomas) is working on getting another contract drawn up. The old contract was drawn up well before Mr. Thomas came to B.C.C. This information, supposedly confidential and unable to be disclosed on legal technicalities, is pertinent in understanding what type of persons make up contracts without at-

tributing the type of people they want to hire; without asserting his information in the contract.

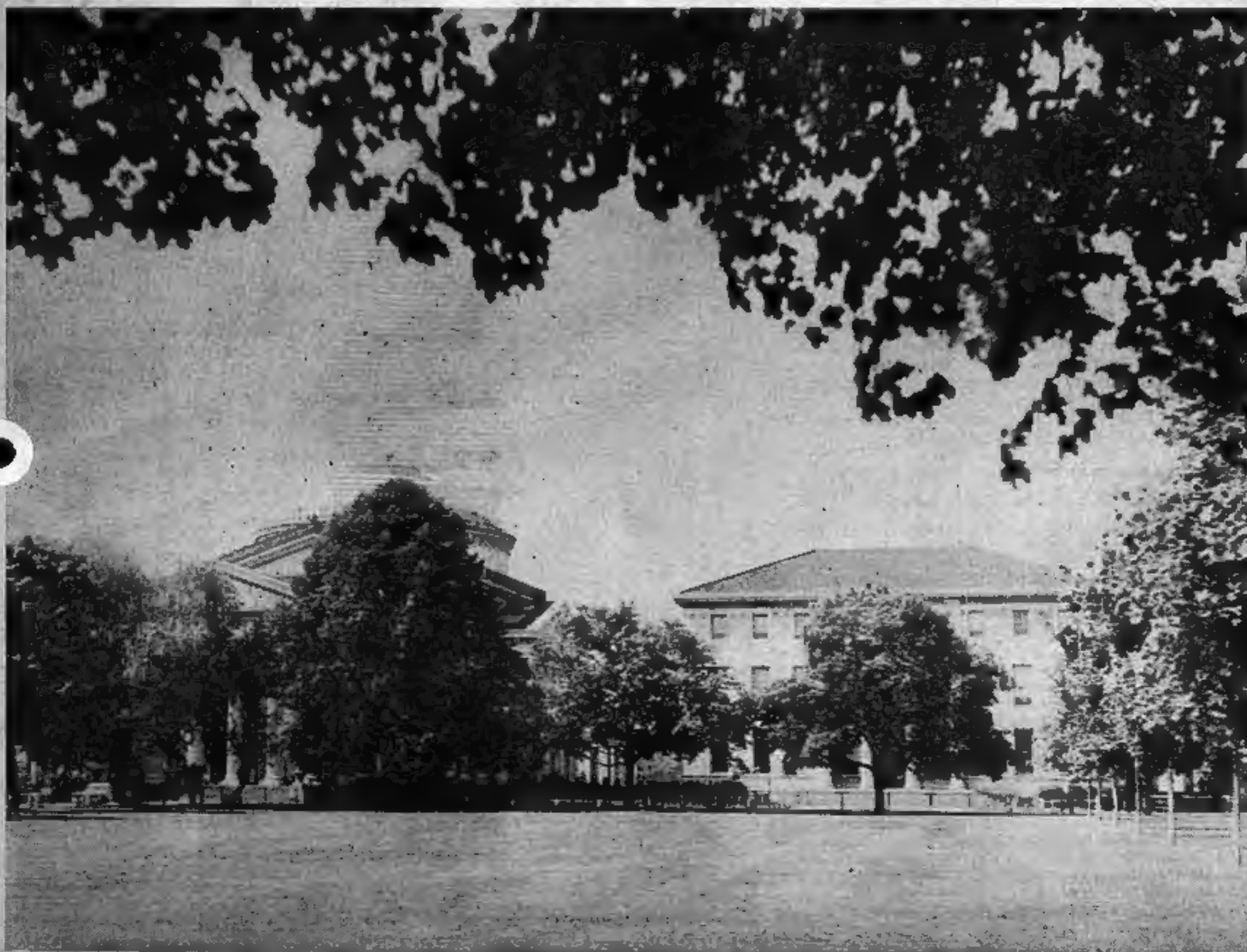
Doesn't B.C.C. have enough concerned people to want an efficient safety and security team at our college instead of what we have now. Isn't their enough money floating around, when it can afford all the other activities that we offer? Or, is it in reality, the fault of a very bureaucratic administration that seeks activities merely to occupy their time during a 9-5 day? An administration, poorly communicating, or merely settling and accepting a situation as bad and inefficient as it is? It is unwilling to assert itself in obtaining a better security system at B.C.C.; to keep out intruders, drugs, and protect our property?

These are the questions Mr. Thomas addressed himself to: "The guards' purpose is to secure the safety of life and property at B.C.C." which included keeping out intruders, drugs, dope pushers and anything else which falls under this category. "I agree. The present method is only a deterrent. The guard system is not as successful as it could be . . . "You see, the guards deal with a lot of hostility and resistance from the students. This is definitely a source of a problem in itself."

Mr. Thomas drew up a proposal himself to eliminate the alienation of the guards from the students and vice versa as well as to have a student-guard working relationship whereby the stu-

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BCC'S LITTLE ACRE



A Word To Be Guided By

The collegiate news and information systems have a special mission to their college communities. Primarily, this duty is to inform the students, faculty and administration of the background, nature and effects of on campus events. In this regard, the college press and radio stations should also be open to the opinions of all on campus groups who meet the chartering provisions of the local student government and to those other groups on the campus who in their estimation are responsible spokesmen for the views they advance. Wherever possible, given space limitations as wide a spectrum of opinion as possible should be sought with equal time and space provisions as closely adhered to possible. Nevertheless, it should be borne in mind that the campus press and radio stations are not primarily concerned with opinions. They are first and foremost sources of news and entertainment for the college community and especially the students who support their operations through student activity fees.

The role of the college press in extra collegiate affairs, is of secondary importance. This function should be restricted by the impact which these events have directly on the campus. As this impact becomes more pronounced it is expected that its coverage will increase. However, the tone of the newspaper or radio station operated by student activity fees on the campus should always be such as to place campus events as of primary importance over the course of the year.

The college press and newspapers are encouraged to seek professional standards in their operation. However, the differences between these college systems and their professional counterparts must be emphasized. Whereas the professional press and radio networks stand or fall on advertising revenue, the college systems are subsidized by student activity fees which for the most part are their primary source of income. The professional press systems are aware that because of both legal and social restrictions certain material is not suitable for public distribution, or would seriously offend the values of listeners and readers. While these legal restraints do not currently apply to the college press, they should nonetheless be much more cognizant of the social values of all of their readers or listeners and seek in as far as they are able to respect them. It must be remembered by these college systems that the fees that support them are mandatory and no student should be forced to have his values challenged with his non-voluntary contributions. At the same time, it would be well for the college press to recall, that unless they police themselves in an attempt to maintain the freedom of the press they have, legislative action may police them, thus destroying their freedom.

With regard to advertising, the college press should strive to check up on the reputation and reliability of those who seek to advertise in their papers or over their air waves. This is the responsibility they owe to the students who support them. The college press must bear in mind that the advertising of unreliable goods or services is a serious danger to the student community. This is especially true of advertisement with regards to health services, social events, drugs and some classified ads related to these.

In addition, the college press should seek to keep itself informed of existing and proposed legal restraints on the nature of its advertising. This is true in the case of New York State Laws requiring that the name and address of all those placing political advertisements to be printed in the advertisement.

Revenues from advertising should be used to improve, increase or offer new services of the college press. These revenues should be considered as interest to be returned to students in return for their original investment.

Since administrative arrangements differ among the colleges, it is expected that each college and student press system will work out whatever measures they deem necessary to carry out these general principles.

CONFUSION?

President Nixon and his cronies have made several advances toward the cause of totalitarianism during his administration. He has decided to impound funds where he could not veto them, tried to extend executive privilege to his staff to prevent the public from getting information in any way, shape, or form and prevent journalists from uncovering sensitive issues by requiring them to reveal their sources.

His own son-in-law, David Eisenhower now nears the end of his tour of duty in the navy and is considering a job in the field of journalism, but fears that investigative journalism might be "too dangerous."

The first amendment is basic to journalism whether it be written or broad cast. The public has the right to know and if the confidential sources dry up the public will be subjected to "press release journalism" and will know only what the government wants them to know. The people in power should be flexible enough to know when they are wrong and change it and the people should know when the government is corrupt and if the gov't won't correct it they will have to. Without the people behind the scenes the public would never have known of the pentagon papers or heard a whisper of watergate or about the L.T.T. scandal which the gov't later succeeded in burying.

and upon eastern Europeans know the truth about their governments through Radio Free Europe is so protective and secretive about its own affairs and with it wants the people of eastern Europe to know the evils of their own governments tries to keep their own citizens in the dark by refusing to admit to mistakes.

While no right is absolute, it should be up to the discretion of the individual reporter whether the questions of the grand jury are of a serious enough nature for him to reveal his sources, and whether or not any questions of national security are at stake.

Bob Rasmberg

Donovan On The Heights

The fall semester at B.C.C. will be exciting for all concerned. In an informal interview with Dean Richard Donovan, I saw tremendous things for the future of B.C.C.

The physical move itself is a phenomenal task. Just the singular thought of moving 50,000 volumes from the library seems time consuming enough. Many problems will be encountered. There is the rescheduling of classes — what buildings will they be using? The brighter side of the move is that all will be centralized on one beautiful campus. There are 41 buildings and approximately 1.3 million square feet of space with trees and grass—indeed a welcome change from running across the Concourse in the ten-mile run to get to another class 5 blocks away.

B.C.C. will be the most attractive community college in the City. Dean Donovan expressed the feeling that perhaps more students would be attracted than before. The beauty of trees and grass and one central campus is certainly more enticing than a campus extending from one city block to another build-

ing blocks away.

The potential of the space that the new campus affords is overwhelming. Perhaps our imagination can comfort those of us in anticipation until September. It is rather a luxurious thought to be able to attend a suburban setting college in the Bronx. Many problems encountered now in attempting to locate counselors at 3 different centers. Classes in different locations and trying to schedule our own programs as not to running the old 10 minute dash to class from Poo Center to Kingsbridge will be memories of the past in a short while.

AMNESTY

The Communicator announces that during the week of May 7th (i.e. May 7-12) no library fines will be charged at the Kingsbridge Center Library for overdue library items except reserve books and materials borrowed from Audio Visual Services. Please note, also, the amnesty does not apply at the Nursing Center Library.

The number of BOC students who have applied for a summer job in West Germany in 1973 has increased by 300%, according to Dr. Hans Winterfeldt (Modern Language Department). The majority of the applicants intend to work in summer resorts, others have chosen employment in industry, city hotels or on farms etc.

In spite of the extreme labor shortage in the Republic of West Germany (and West Berlin), the prospective employers insist upon a knowledge of the German language on the part of the students. In fact the more German the student knows the more enjoyable and profitable will his or her job turn out to be. It is suggested that the student take two semesters of German (or at least one) before departing for his/her summer job in Germany. Several students have been denied employment because they completely lack any knowledge of German.

For further information please contact Doktor Hans Winterfeldt, Mod. Lan. Dept.

HALL OF FAME



BCC Guard Situation

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dents would work along with the security office.

The proposal date November 1, 1972 stated:

"I therefore propose that the college or student government hire (in a sense eye's and ears) students to circulate around the community to see what areas are possible trouble spots and relay that information to us... By example: Our service member might report that the guard's at a particular bottle neck develop at?..."

"I am very much in favor of having students working along with the guards". This proposal was sent to Gerard Lacay and Dean Thompson in November. So what happened in the other administrative end of the stick?

Gerard Lacay said, "Yes, we did receive this proposal from Mr. Thomas." It was tabled because every proposal has to have an accompanying estimated budget for the cost of the venture. And although Mr. Lacay admits that that was all that was needed to keep it from being tabled, he said, "There is not one student that I can find that is willing to do it; just compile readily available information that would take a couple of days work." "You don't understand, he said, "Students are just tokens... We are tokens; we are just garbage cans. Students are just disposable products of the educational system" which did not answer the question. According to Mr. Lacay the money for this project could be attained without the "tokenistic efforts" of students or student government. When asked if Pres. Colston was doing anything about it or knew about the proposal; or for that matter if any administrator had knowledge of it Gerard said, "Yes, Dr. Colston is definitely in favor of the proposal,"... and is working on it. "Hopefully, by next semester at N.Y.U. campus, both projects will be in effect." In reference to the student-guard system and the new contract affecting the Globe guard service.

When president Colston managed to be caught during one of his usual, rather busy, moments, Gerard Lacay's story seemed to have been pulled out of the sky and couldn't hold its own weight. I received two different stories when President Colston refused to back up any of Lacay's statements concerning his President Colston's knowledge of the proposal of the student-guard services. The President said, "I have never seen this proposal", when a copy was presented to him. He went on to say that he had many discussions with Gerard Lacay but "this was not one of the issue we have ever discussed." However, once he read the proposal President Colston went on to say that he liked the idea very much and said a more efficient system, since the school has been allocated more funds, we will, hopefully definitely see an improvement when we reach the new campus in September."

After the interview, President Colston did get in talk with Gerard Lacay where the president finally got some information, on what was happening. In response to the inefficiency of Student Government being pointed out to him, Mr. Lacay, said, "I

sible". Fine. But what is Student Government going to do now.

Later, it was learned through Mr. Thomas that Mr. Lacay's statement concerning the lack of an estimated budget was also false. Mr. Thomas, produced a statement going back to February 1, 1973 where he himself proposed a budget of \$300.00 for the student fact-finding team.

What is Mr. Lacay's problems? Surely now it is not lack of a proposed budget. Is it lack of "student power?" as he claims. Or pure irresponsibility all the way around; showboating, or deception on the part of our present student government leaders. Could it be that student government leaders have not learned how to delegate responsibility when they are taking care of other errands? Surely one cannot blame the loss of all the information, or the false statements, on lack of communication.

Student Government is allocated by I.O.C. \$300 for "snacks" for their semesterly Senate meetings. Surely student government and administration is willing to do without snacks when it is all the expense of providing us with a safer school, and improved student-guard relation for an equal \$300.00. We should hope so.

Since this semester is well on its way, and well on its way since the original proposal was written, our only alternative seems to be to sit back, and wait, and see, Come September.

Letters To The Editor

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In reading your issue of March 20, it appears that one of our employees gave J. S. Trott some faulty information. The book mentioned is probably Giffin & Patton's FUNDAMENTALS OF INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION, which carried a suggested list price of \$6.50 in March. If that is the book in question, your bookstore could only have received a 20% discount. While many of our general "trade" books carry sliding scale discounts to retailers, based on quantity, most of our textbooks carry a flat 20% discount to all retailers, regardless of quantity.

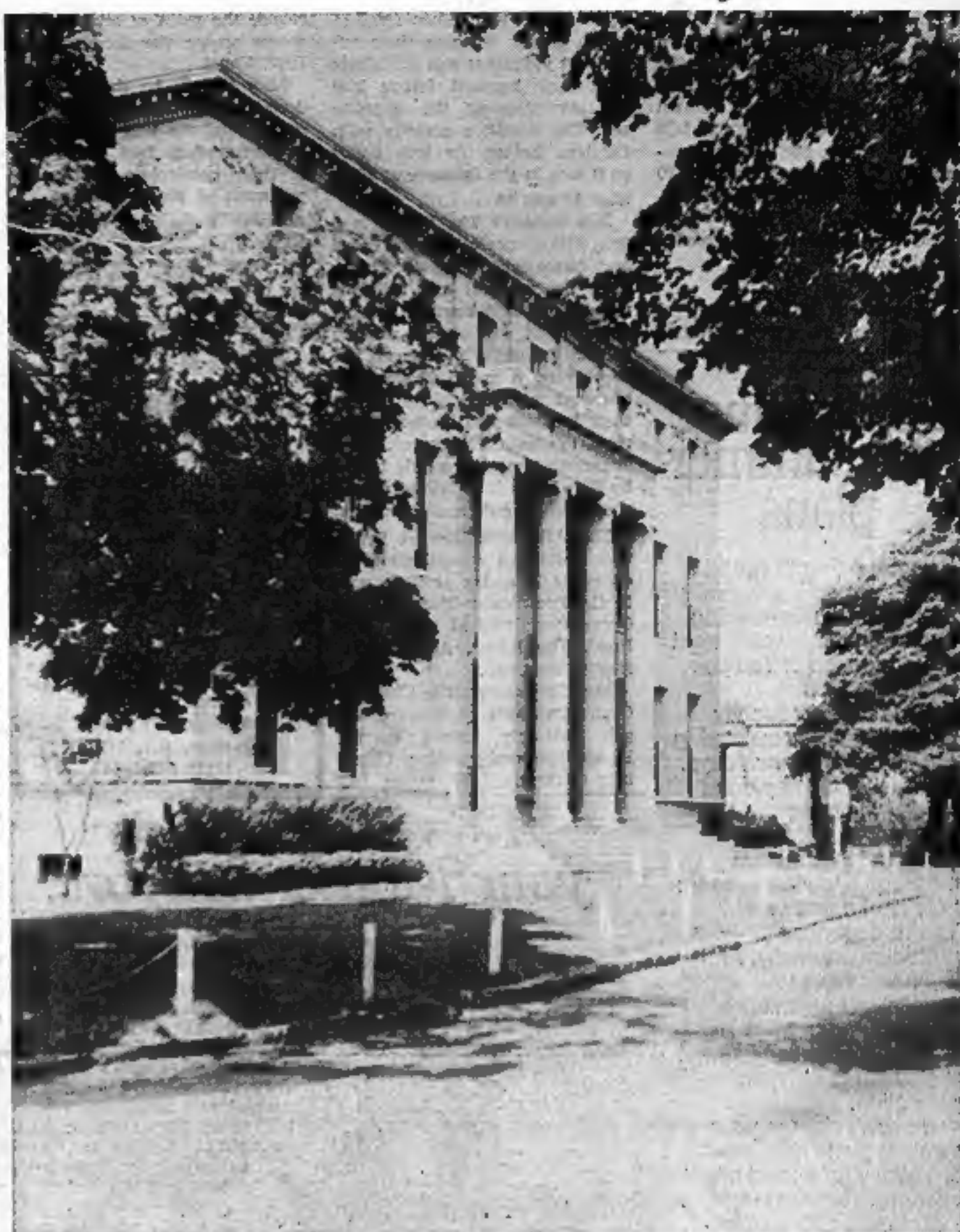
We apologize for the error that our unknown correspondent committed.

BCC students are fortunate to have a store that charges less than suggested list prices; most college stores can't afford it. I hope J. S. Trott will take time to visit the store manager and see what his inventory and operating costs are. There are easier ways to make a living.

Sincerely,
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May 10 and 11

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May 11 and 18

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May 10 presents the Chamber Orchestra Class of Howard Vogel. Formerly known as the Bronx Community College Chamber Orchestra, the group will

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ELECTIONS HELD MAY 14-18 —
10 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

1. Completed applications must be returned to Student Activities Office (Rm. 2-29) no later than May 9th.
2. Campaigning may begin as soon as the application is accepted by the Elections Committee.
2. Each candidate must conduct an honorable, non-defamatory campaign.
4. Candidates must be matriculated day students taking a minimum of one course and have at least a 2.0 average.
5. All officer candidates must be completing their second semester at Bronx Community College.
4. Applicants for Treasurer must have completed one course in Accounting.
7. No candidate may use College materials for his campaign.
8. Candidates can spend up to the following amounts for publicity supplies.

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Treasurer\$10
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Receipts must be submitted to Student Activities office for reimbursement up to the prescribed allocation for each position listed above.

9. Publicity materials can be posted on Student Activity Bulletin Boards. ONLY.

10. CHANGES IN CANDIDACY

- A. Any change must be approved by Elections Committee.
- B. May 9th is the deadline for changes.
- C. After May 9, candidates may withdraw, but may not change their candidacy.

11. I.D. cards must be shown in order to vote.

12. IMPORTANT DATES

May 9th — Last Date for filing
May 9th — Last Date to change.

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